(b) whether it is in existence in India;

(c) if so, since how long;

(d) whether it is a fact that this service is highly useful to terrorists' organizations and the Ministry of Home Affairs has objected to the issue of this service; and

(e) while so, whether it is a fact that a number of private persons have been given this service while BSNL has not been given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Black Berry is a product developed by Canadian company Research-In-Motion (RIM). Black Berry is a wireless handheld device which supports email, mobile telephone, text messaging, internet faxing, web browsing and other wireless information services.

(b) Yes, Sir, it is in existence in India.

(c) Such devices are being provided by Indian Telecom Access Providers from 3rd Qtr of 2007.

(d) While Ministry of Home Affairs has raised some security concerns it can not be assumed that this service is highly useful to terrorists' organizations.

(e) Yes, Sir.

Interest of postal services in the country

648. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under rules, courier services for articles with 500 gms and less in weight are not permitted enabling the postal services to deal with such services;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that private courier services are liberally doing this kind of services which is detrimental to the interests of postal services; and

(c) the practical preventive action to ensure the interest of postal services in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Not applicable.

Review of spectrum pricing

649. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether several associations have urged to review spectrum pricing;

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon; and

(c) if no decision is taken, by when it is likely to be taken?